THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ban on Recruitment

1189. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to put a ban on the recruitment in jobs; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Government have not issued any general orders putting a total ban on recruitment for Govt. jobs.

Coal Reserves

1190. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimates of the Coal reserve;

(b) whether the Government propose to streamline the marketing policy for coal, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to implement an effective demand - supply management with a system approach in consumption, production and movement of coal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Geological Survey of India has estimated a total of about 196 billion tonnes of coal reserves in the country as on 1.1.92.

(b) In order to streamline distribution policy of coal, periodical reviews are conducted, as and when necessary, to adjust the changing patterns of demand and supply to maximise consumers satisfaction.

(c) The existing distribution policy provides for allocation as well as movement of coal on priority to core sector industries/ consumers like power, cement, steel, railways etc., on the basis of sponsorships by Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Industries, Railways etc. The demand from consumers in the non-core sector receives a lower priority. Coal is also made freely available to all consumers, 1000 tonnes at a time, on first come first served basis, from certain mines placed under 'Liberalised Sales Scheme'. Recently a decision has also been taken to release twenty million tonnes of coal from the accumulated pit-head stocks.

Decline in Production of Electronic Goods

1191. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER. be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of all type of Electronic equipments has declined in the country since last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to enhance the production of electronic equipments in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). While the total production of electronics has grown marginally by 5.5% (estimated) in terms of